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ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT September/October 2004

Subarea Health Planning Councils (SACs) Activities

- Hawaii** The CHAMP program, focused on improving access to health insurance for children on the Big Island and decreasing the numbers of uninsured, presented strategies that have been used over the last several years to inform the community about different options to cover kids. Networking and coordination efforts between community agencies and the Department of Education were emphasized and will continue to be a focus of outreach. Tom Brown shared information about the July Transportation Conference in Kona. Many good ideas were generated regarding the new additions to the transportation system. Another community meeting will be held this fall.
- Honolulu** Healthcare system – Briefings and updates: Member Emmet White presented “Financial Preparation for Long Term Care.” He summarized the current continuum of available service options, their average costs and funding sources. He noted that Hawaii recently passed a more permissive condominium law which will enable more residents to “age in place” with liability protections for the associations of condominiums. Four states have developed public-private long term care insurance plans which protects policyholders’ assets up to the value of the coverage they purchase and utilize...although most of the middle class have the funds to buy LTC services/insurance most won’t because they want to preserve their assets. Taxpayers will continue to pay the bulk of LTC costs ie. 3,200 of 4,000 LTC beds in Hawaii are now funded by Medicaid, unless more patients have their own insurance.
- Kauai** Kauai Traffic safety: Members discussed the escalating number of serious and fatal crashes on the Kuhio highway (which fronts the Wailua golf course). The head of the Kauai State Department of Transportation (DOT) will be invited to the October or November 2004 meeting to share any plans DOT may have to remedy this dangerous situation.

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Tri-Isle The meeting was held in conjunction with the Oral Health Summit and Dental Fair, a three-day oral health promotion event. Community members and oral health providers joined the SAC members for the meeting. A wide variety of exhibitors, providers and community organizations were present to make demonstrations about oral health and how people can maintain good overall health. The SAC was informed that the Maui Bed Needs Study was just released with future hospital bed need projections. A meeting will be held in September to present the results of the study.

West Oahu The West Oahu Subarea Health Planning Council did not meet in September.

Windward Marina Nogues of the Hawaii State Diabetes Prevention and Control Program discussed the assessment of the Hawaii State Diabetes health system and quality improvement activities being planned for the Koolauloa region. The SAC members discussed how they might play a role in this project and how they could approach an initial assessment of the data. The SAC plans to review priorities at upcoming meetings.

Research and Statistics:

The SHPDA website had 24,237 hits during August 2004.

The Certificate of Need Application Summaries and Decisions Files, Monthly SHPDA Update Reports, Web server Hits Statistics and SHPDA Calendar web pages were updated.

The response rate for the 2003 Utilization Surveys was at 87% as of September 27, 2004. Started editing the surveys and started the data entry process.

Certificate of Need Applications

#03-17 Hawaii Radiologic Associates, Ltd. for the establishment of an outpatient computed tomography (CT) services at 77-311 Sunset Drive, Kailua-Kona, Hawaii, at a capital cost of \$1,125,000. Applicant has requested extension to December 31, 2004.

#03-28 Wahiawa Hospital Association for the relocation of Wahiawa General Hospital services (excluding SNF) from 128 Lehua Street, Wahiawa, to Waipio (Tax

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Map Key Nos. (1)9-4-006-001 and (1)9-4-006-002), at a capital cost of \$44,756,600. Incomplete. Applicant has requested extension to complete application.

- #04-13A St. Francis Medical Center-West for the establishment of a stationary MRI service at a capital cost of \$1,900,000. Incomplete. Waiting for revisions from applicant.
- #04-15 Kaiser Foundation Hospital, Inc. for the expansion and renovation of Moanalua Medical Center at a capital cost of \$68,450,000. September reviews.
- #04-18E American Medical Response for the establishment of a Helicopter Air Ambulance service for Maui County at a capital cost of \$1,750,000. Approved.
- #04-19A The Cancer Center of Hawaii, LLC for the transfer of ownership of the radiation therapy service of St. Francis Medical Center/St. Francis Healthcare System of Hawaii, at 2225 Liliha Street, Honolulu, at a capital cost of \$1,250,000. Incomplete. Waiting for revisions from applicant.
- #04-20 Big Island Air, Inc. for the establishment of Fixed Wing Air Ambulance service – Hawaii County at a capital cost of \$1,558,000. Incomplete. Waiting for revisions from applicant.
- #04-21 Maui Memorial Medical Center for the renovation and expansion of the hospital at a capital cost of \$42,000,000. October reviews.